

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Vice Chairman Verdell Jackson on March 24, 2011 at 9:00 AM, in Room 422 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Verdell Jackson, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)
Sen. Carmine Mowbray (R)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Joe Balyeat, Chairman (R)
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R)
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Linda Keim, Committee Secretary
Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 563, 3/11/2011; HB 508, 3/11/2011; HB 487, 3/11/2011

Executive Action: HB 275, HB 408, Do Concur As Amended; HB 487, HB 464, Do Concur.

HEARING ON HB 563

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:14 Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R), HD 53, opened the hearing on HB 563. Provide for public-private partnerships.

EXHIBIT(bus66a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:01 Jon Metropoulos, AWARE Incorporated
00:08:24 Matt Bugni, AWARE Incorporated
00:09:56 Marty Schuma, President, Dick Anderson Construction
00:11:06 Steve Wade, Montana Contractors Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:12:20 Sen. Mowbray
00:14:23 Mr. Bugni, AWARE
00:15:20 Sen. Facey
00:19:11 Rep. Arntzen

00:16:25 Sen. Balyeat and Sen. Steinbeisser arrived.

00:20:05 Sen. Vuckovich
00:22:26 Sen. Tropila
00:24:01 Mr. Metropoulos
00:24:52 Sen. Tropila
00:29:02 Mr. Bugni, redirect, without objection
00:30:24 Mr. Metropoulos
00:30:42 Sen. Tropila
00:30:48 Rep. Arntzen
00:31:41 Sen. Tropila
00:32:33 Mr. Schuma
00:33:25 Vice Chairman Jackson
00:34:12 Rep. Arntzen

Closing by Sponsor:

00:34:57 Rep. Arntzen

00:36:18 Vice Chairman Jackson closed the hearing on HB 563. Chairman Balyeat took over the position of Chair.

HEARING ON HB 487

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:36:35 Rep. Christy Clark (R), HD 17, opened the hearing on HB 487. Provide life insurance for certain non-specified discretionary groups.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:39:06 Jacqueline Lenmark, American Council of Life Insurance (ACLI); also speaking on behalf of Dwight Easton, Farmers Insurance Group; and Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance Company

EXHIBIT(bus66a02)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:43:37 Sen. Tropila
00:43:50 Ms. Lenmark, ACLI
00:44:49 Sen. Facey
00:47:01 Ms. Lenmark
00:48:00 Ms. Murdo
00:48:14 Ms. Lenmark
00:49:25 Sen. Jackson
00:50:35 Rep. Clark, redirect, without objection
00:50:50 Ms. Lenmark
00:51:29 Sen. Jackson
00:51:53 Ms. Lenmark
00:53:08 Sen. Vuckovich
00:55:58 Ms. Lenmark

00:56:22 Sen. Jackson left the room.

00:56:54 Sen. Mowbray
00:59:09 Ms. Lenmark
00:59:37 Chairman Balyeat
00:59:46 Sen. Facey

Closing by Sponsor:

01:00:43 Rep. Clark

01:01:13 Chairman Balyeat

HEARING ON HB 508

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:02:04 Rep. Mary McNally (D), HD 49, opened the hearing on HB 508, Require payment of partial salary to injured rural firefighter.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:04:58 Ron Lubke, Firefighter, Missoula Rural Fire District

EXHIBIT(bus66a03)

01:07:35 Matt Norby, Montana State Firemen's Association (MSFA)

01:09:03 Kory Burgess, Lolo, Missoula Rural Fire District; also speaking for the Missoula Rural Fire Chiefs

EXHIBIT(bus66a04)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:11:27 Sen. Vuckovich
01:13:28 Rep. McNally
01:14:32 Sen. Tropila
01:14:36 Rep. McNally, redirect, without objection
01:15:20 Doug Neil, MSFA
01:16:00 Chairman Balyeat
01:16:23 Sen. Facey
01:16:33 Chairman Balyeat
01:17:48 Mr. Neil
01:16:33 Chairman Balyeat
01:23:51 Mr. Neil
01:25:25 Sen. Steinbeisser
01:25:49 Mr. Neil
01:26:36 Sen. Moore
01:27:51 Mr. Neil
01:28:52 Sen. Vuckovich
01:31:02 Mr. Neil
01:32:17 Sen. Facey
01:33:37 Mr. Lubke
01:33:53 Chairman Balyeat, redirect, without objection
01:33:57 Mr. Neil
01:34:49 Sen. Facey
01:35:33 Rep. McNally

Closing by Sponsor:

01:35:46 Rep. McNally

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 487

01:45:30 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **HB 487 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:47:04 Chairman Balyeat

01:47:06 Sen. Facey

01:47:09 Sen. Mowbray

01:47:15 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Jackson, Sen. Tutvedt and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy. Sen. Facey will carry the bill.

01:48:38 Sen. Jackson returned.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 275

01:48:41 Sen. Facey

01:48:55 Chairman Balyeat

01:49:26 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **HB 275 BE CONCURRED IN.**

01:49:34 **Motion:** Sen. Balyeat moved that **HB 275 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus66a05)

Discussion:

01:51:30 Sen. Mowbray

01:52:03 Chairman Balyeat

01:52:42 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Tutvedt and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

01:53:00 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **HB 275 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:53:13 Sen. Tropila

01:53:52 Sen. Mowbray

01:54:24 Chairman Balyeat

01:55:04 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Facey, Sen. Stewart-Peregoy, Sen. Tropila, Sen. Vuckovich and Sen. Windy Boy voting no. Sen. Tutvedt and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy. Sen. Wittich will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 408

01:56:37 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **HB 408 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:56:47 Sen. Facey
01:57:21 Chairman Balyeat

01:57:33 Sen. Facey **WITHDREW THE MOTION ON HB 408.**

01:57:59 Chairman Balyeat

(Note: Further Executive Action takes place later in the meeting)

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 464

01:58:45 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **HB 464 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:59:02 Chairman Balyeat
01:59:16 Ms. Murdo
02:00:08 Sen. Facey
02:00:27 Ms. Murdo
02:00:52 Chairman Balyeat
02:01:15 Sen. Facey
02:03:27 Chairman Balyeat
02:03:30 Sen. Facey
02:04:19 Sen. Mowbray
02:05:17 Sen. Tropila

02:07:03 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Facey, Sen. Stewart-Peregoy, Sen. Tropila, Sen. Vuckovich and Sen. Windy Boy voting no. Sen. Tutvedt and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy. Sen. Tutvedt will carry the bill.

02:08:19 Sen. Facey

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 408

02:08:51 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **HB 408 BE CONCURRED IN.**

02:09:04 **Motion:** Sen. Moore moved that **HB 408 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(bus66a06)

Discussion:

02:09:17 Ms. Murdo
02:09:23 Sen. Moore
02:09:50 Sen. Facey

02:09:57 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Tutvedt and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

02:10:11 **Motion:** Sen. Moore moved that **HB 408 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

02:10:19 Sen. Steinbeisser

02:10:44 Sen. Mowbray

02:11:07 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Facey, Sen. Stewart-Peregoy, Sen. Tropila, Sen. Vuckovich and Sen. Windy Boy voting no. Sen. Tutvedt and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

Discussion:

02:12:15 Chairman Balyeat

02:12:19 Ms. Murdo

02:14:20 Chairman Balyeat

02:14:24 Ms. Murdo

02:14:50 Chairman Balyeat

02:15:55 Sen. Mowbray

02:16:08 Chairman Balyeat

02:16:21 Sen. Tropila

02:17:17 Chairman Balyeat

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:20 A.M.

Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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